



**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 2839
PATENT APPLICATION**

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FIBER RIBBON STACK (As Amended)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003¹, please amend the above
identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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¹ Since the due date of December 26, 2003 fell due on a federal holiday, and December 27-28, 2003 fell on a weekend, this Amendment is being **timely** filed on the next business day of Monday, December 29, 2003.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW
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herewith an Amendment containing remarks which reflect the claims, amendments and prior art discussed during the interview.

It is believed that no petition or fee is required. However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

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